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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF  
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Dulles,

During the recent Commanders' Conference at Maxwell Air Force Base, your Deputy, General Cabell, and I came to an agreement regarding the deployment of Detachment C to Atsugi Naval Air Station in Japan. I am sure General Cabell has reported the details to you in this regard.

I am sure that you appreciate the vital necessity for development in the Strategic Air Command, at the earliest practicable date, the most effective reconnaissance capability now obtainable. I refer, of course, to that capability represented by the U-2 aircraft. The Air Force cannot afford to ignore this requirement or to delay action necessary to meet it. Accordingly, I have established certain programming dates and I am requiring agencies of the Air Force concerned with implementing action to adhere to this time schedule. This involves major actions such as bases to accommodate the U-2, displacement of Air Force units and activities at those bases, selection and clearance of personnel, the accumulation of supplies and equipment and the programming of transportation. I am sure you appreciate the need for timely decisions and a firm schedule.

Certain of our programmed actions as follows, will be of interest to you, particularly in respect to time phasing.

- 15 March - Movement of 4080th Wing (Advanced Echelon) to Laughlin AFB from Turner Air Force Base.
- 1 - 15 April - Movement of 4080th Wing Headquarters and the 4025th Reconnaissance Squadron with 7 RB-57Ds from Turner AFB to Laughlin AFB.
- 1 May - Establish logistic pipeline to Laughlin Air Force Base and Warner-Robins Air Materiel Area from [redacted]
- 15 May - Preposition supplies to Laughlin AFB and WRAMA from [redacted]
- 1 June - Redesignation of the 4028th and 4029th Squadrons as weather units.
- 1 - 30 June - Movement of 4028th and 4029th Weather Squadrons with U-2 aircraft from [redacted] to Laughlin AFB.
- 1 - 30 June - Bulk movement of support equipment for the U-2 to Laughlin AFB and WRAMA from [redacted]

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Under the above schedule, we remain at [redacted] until June 1957. Because of this condition, I must point out, it is necessary that the Air Force have full operational and security control of facilities there. This arrangement, I believe, will allow us to maintain the security you desire and concurrently develop a U-2 combat capability without compromising the CIA association.

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Ltr to Mr. Allen W. Dulles, Washington 25, D.C. (Cont)

To permit adherence to the foregoing program, directives must be issued by 15 February 1957. I would appreciate any comments you may have on the above as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



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